Doll Dealer Held On Censor Charge

Mrs. Velvalee Dickinson, 50, authority on modern and antique dolls who runs an exclusive doll shop at 718 Madison Ave., was held in $25,000 bail on a charge of violating wartime censorship laws.

She was specifically charged with sending a coded message to a correspondent in Buenos Aires on Mar. 1, 1942, and "concealing from the Office of Censorship the intended meaning of the communication."

The FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) said Mrs. Dickinson, who lives at the Madison Ave. address, has traveled frequently from New York to the West Coast since she came here in 1937. She was a member of the Japanese-America Society until that year, according to the FBI, and was known to persons connected with the Japanese Consul and military groups on the West Coast. She frequented the Japan Institute, which used to have offices at 630 Fifth Ave., FBI agents said.

The FBI explained that Mrs. Dickinson used names of dolls in her communication, some of which were signed with the forged names of her socially prominent clients.